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- 1. HERE IN MALI, WHERE REINS OF POWER ARE IN HANDS YOUTHFUL MILITARY OFFICERS, ALL EMBASSY OFFICERS SERVE AS MEMBERS OF YOUTH COMMITTEE. THIS IS A YOUNG COUNTRY WITH A YOUNG CADRE OF LEADERS. VIRTUALLY ALL OF OUR CONTACTS ARE WITH OFFICIALS WHO ARE IN THEIR THIRTIES. THUS NOMINATION OF YOUTH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND ASSIGNMENT ONE OFFICER WITH DAY- TO- DAY RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS (PER PARA 2, REF A) NOT PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO MALIAN CONTEXT. DCM KATZEN PROVIDES OVERALL COORDINATION.
- 2. REGARDING STUDENTS, GOM HAS STERNLY ENFORCED PROHIBITION AGAINST ALL EXCEPT THE VERY FEW STUDENT ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY GOVERNMENT. MILITARY COMMITTEE, IS MOREOVER, EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ABOUT FOREIGN EMBASSIES COMING INTO DIRECT CONTACT WITH STUDENTS AND SEVERAL SOVIET DIPLOMATS WERE EXPELLED IN PART FOR FOOLING AROUND WITH STUDENTS AND LABOR. WE ARE, NEVERTHELESS, HAVING CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS, IN REACHING STUDENTS OF HIGHER SCHOOLS THROUGH LOW- KEY USIS PROGRAMS -- BOOKS, AN OCCASIONAL LECTURE, TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND PERSONAL CONTACT.

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